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SUBJECT: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER DISCUSSES

SHIP VISITS TO TRIESTE, US POSITION ON

TRIESTE ISSUE, AND SECRETARY DENT VISIT

WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 060532, BELGRADE 1495

1. SUMMARY. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER (EUR)
CALLED IN YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL APRIL 2 TO STRESS
ROUTINE NATURE OF FORTHCOMING US SHIP VISITS TO TRIESTE,
EMPHASIZE THAT SHIP VISITS ARE IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH
DISPUTE BETWEEN GOY AND GOI, AND INDICATE THAT US POSITION
ON TRIESTE ISSUE REMAINS EXACTLY AS IT WAS IN 1954.
STABLER ALSO RECALLED REASONS WHY SECRETARY DENT WAS NOT
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VISITING YUGOSLAVIA IN APRIL. HE ASKED GRANFIL TO COUNSEL

HIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO DRAW UNWARRANTED CONCLUSIONS FROM SHIP VISITS AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DENT CANNOT VISIT YUGOSLAVIA THIS MONTH. GRANFIL TERMED THE SHIP VISITS A "VERY UNFORTUNATE COINCIDENCE" BUT VOICED OPINION THAT GOY WOULD APPRECIATE WHAT STABLER HAD SAID. GRANFIL INDICATED YUGOSLAVIA IS DISTURBED THAT GOI STILL TAKES VIEW THA GOY DOES NOT HAVE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ZONE B AND READY TO MAKE FINAL SETTLEMENT PROVIDED GOI REVOKES PUBLICLY ITS STATEMENT THAT YUGOSLAV SOVEREIGNTY HAS

NEVER BEEN EXTENDED TO ZONE B. GRANFIL EXPRESSED HOPE SECRETARY DENT WOULD VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AT LATER DATE.
END SUMMARY.

2. STABLER SAID HE HAD INVITED GRANFIL TO COME IN IN ORDER TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE MATTERS THEY HAD DISCUSSED MARCH 25 (STATE 060532). US WANTED GOY TO UNDERSTAND THAT VISITS CERTAIN US NAVY SHIPS WILL PAY TO TRIESTE IN NEXT FEW DAYS HAD BEEN PLANNED LONG AGO, WERE ABSOLUTELY ROUTINE IN NATURE, AND BORE NO RELATION TO ANY ISSUE BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND ITALY. VISIT TO TRIESTE OF FIVE OF THE EIGHT US SHIPS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN A NATO EXERCISE NEAR VENICE IS A PURELY US VISIT. MANY SUCH FLEET VISITS TO TRIESTE HAD TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT YEARS. STABLER REQUESTED THAT GRANFIL IMPRESS THESE FACTS ON HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. US POSITION ON TRIESTE ISSUE IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS IT WAS WHEN 1954 LONDON MEMORANDUM WAS SIGNED, SAID STABLER. US WILL GIVE NO SUPPORT TO ANY CLAIMS BY EITHER YUGOSLAVIA OR ITALY TO TERRITORY UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OR ADMINISTRATION OF THE OTHER.

4. STABLER THEN TURNED TO SUBJECT OF SECRETARY DENT'S TRAVEL PLANS. AFTER VOICING REGRET THAT DENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA IN APRIL, STABLER SAID HE WAS SURE GRANFIL WOULD RECALL FROM HIS MARCH 15 MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO, THAT THE PROPOSED DENT VISIT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIGNING OF THE KRSKO CONTRACT. IT IS BECAUSE KRSKO
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CONTRACT WOULD NOT BE READY FOR SIGNATURE THAT DENT WOULD NOT GO TO YUGOSLAVIA AT THIS TIME. US TRUSTED THAT GOY WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DRAW UNWARRANTED CONCLUSIONS FROM FACT DENT WOULD NOT VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AND FROM FORTH-COMING US SHIP VISITS TO TRIESTE. THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE AT A TIME WHEN ORIENTATION OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS IS LOOKING UP.

5. AFTER INDICATING HE WOULD CONVEY STABLER'S VIEWS TO HIS GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY, GRANFIL EXPRESSED OPINION GOY WOULD "APPRECIATE" STABLER'S REMARKS ABOUT LACK OF CONNECTION BETWEEN US SHIP VISITS, DENT'S NON-VISIT, AND PRESENT DISPUTE. GRANFIL REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM BELGRADE THAT IDEA OF CHANGE IN VENUE OF US SHIP VISITS TO TRIESTE WAS MENTIONED IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR TOON AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY DIZDAREVIC APRIL 1. WAS GRANFIL TO UNDERSTAND IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE NOW TO CHANGE THESE SCHEDULED VISITS?

STABLER REAFFIRMED THE FACT THAT THE VISITS WOULD CONTINUE AS PLANNED.

6. WHEN GRANFIL EXPRESSED VIEW THAT VISITS OF SIXTH FLEET SHIPS HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON YUGOSLAV PUBLIC OPINION GIVEN PRESENT DISPUTE BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND ITALY, STABLER POINTED OUT THAT THE FIVE SHIPS COULD HARDLY BE CHARACTERIZED AS MAJOR FLEET UNITS; TWO ARE AMPHIBIOUS PERSONNEL CARRIERS, THIRD IS A REPAIR SHIP, FOURTH A TANKER, AND FIFTH A PATROL GUNBOAT. STABLER ALSO NOTED THAT TWO US NAVY SHIPS HAD RECENTLY VISITED DUBROVNIK AND THAT A REQUEST FOR A SHIP VISIT TO SPLIT IS PENDING. GRANFIL SAID HE REALIZED HABITUAL NATURE OF US SHIP VISITS TO TRIESTE, BUT FELT THE FORTHCOMING VISITS WERE A "VERY UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE".

7. THE CURRENT TRIESTE DISPUTE TROUBLES THE GOY, SAID GRANFIL. THEREFORE THE POSITION YUGOSLAVIA'S "FRIENDS" TAKE ON THIS MATTER IS BOTH IMPORTANT AND DELICATE. THIS, STABLER INTERJECTED, IS PRECISELY WHY US DOES NOT WANT GOY TO DRAW UNJUSTIFIED CONCLUSIONS FROM THE SHIP VISITS. IT IS IMPORTANT, GRANFIL CONTINUED, THAT US,
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AS IN 1954, DOES NOT SUPPORT CLAIMS BY EITHER SIDE FOR "CHANGES IN TERRITORY".

8. GRANFIL CLAIMED PROBLEMS OVER TRIESTE HAD ALWAYS BEEN AND STILL WERE CAUSED BY GOI. GOI HAS DECLARED GOY DOES NOT HAVE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ZONE B.
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